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In re the Application of: **CHARI**

Application No: **09/671,995**

Group Art Unit: **1642**

Filed: **September 29, 2000**

Examiner: **M. Tran, Ph.D.**

For: **Compositions and Methods for Treating Cancer Using
Immunoconjugates and Chemotherapeutic Agents**

Docket No: 104322.198 US1

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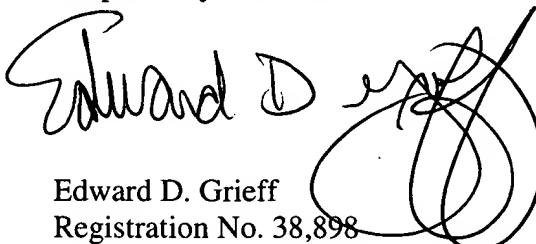
Response to Restriction Requirement

This Response is submitted in reply to the Restriction Requirement dated March 15, 2001, for which a response is due on or before April 15, 2001.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group III, claims 40-41, with traverse.

Pursuant to MPEP 821.04, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of Group I, claims 1-32, with elected Group III. Applicants respectfully submit that a search for the claims in Group III will necessarily encompass a search for the claims in Group I, and will not place an undue burden on the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,


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Preliminary Amendment

Prior to consideration of the above application on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following claim amendments, without prejudice.

IN THE CLAIMS:

The pending claims and amendments to the claims are attached hereto.

Remarks

After entry of the amendment, claims 1-32, 40, 41 and 44-89 are pending.

Applicants respectfully submit that added claims 44-89 are supported by the originally filed claims and fall within the scope of elected Group III.

Claims 33-39, 42 and 43 have been canceled without prejudice, as directed to non-elected subject matter. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

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